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Medical Officer's Annual Report for the Year 1941.
Urban District of Spennymoor.

Ministry of Health recommendations for only matters of an urgent nature to be included in a Medical Officer's Annual Report. I am therefore pleased to report that the health of the residents, in the Urban Area, has continued good. The number of evacuees in the District, has declined, but a large increase in the adult population has been found, following the opening of a new factory in the District.

The above conditions have caused an increase in the number of cases of scabies also overcrowding cannot be avoided, in the present circumstances.

During the year I have drawn the attention of my Council, to the need of a survey of all sources of water supply in the Area, in case the main supply be cut-off by enemy action. Upon the Council's instructions, I am carrying out this survey of all springs and other sources in the District. The analysis of the samples already submitted has shown that almost all available supplies are surface contaminated, proper impounding and sterilisation of the water will therefore be required.

The activities of the Health Department are now restricted due to shortage of staff, owing to the calls of the Country, the Department is now staffed by a part-time Medical Officer, a full-time Sanitary Inspector, and a youth.

The records and statistics for the year are preserved for future reference.

Signed
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